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*Times and Places of Monthly Meetings.*

At the Home . . . . .	{ January, February, April, May, July, August, October, November.
At Dr. Peabody's . . . . .	March, June, September, December.
On the second Friday of each month.	

Application for admission of children to the Home must be made to one of the Committee on Admission, consisting of :—

MRS. R. B. STORER . . . . .	63 Garden Street.
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By a vote of the Trustees of the AVON PLACE HOME, the Annual Meeting will be held hereafter in November instead of in May. This change makes it necessary to include eighteen months instead of twelve in our Report this year.

We have few new details to communicate to our friends.

Our work every year is much the same in its origin, its methods, and its perplexities. We have the same sad stories of intemperate fathers, who waste their earnings in riotous living; of parents, one or both of whom are insane; of widowed mothers, who, left with no provision for a family of little children, are glad to be relieved of those who are very young, that they may have a chance to earn money by day's work or by living in families. We have foundlings and children whose mothers are dead and fathers helpless to give them proper care. All these are cases of "Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge," and we are constantly obliged to

refuse applications for admission to our Home for want of room in our house, and want of means for the support of more children.

We have received into the Home, since our last Report, fifty-five children. Of these thirty-one have left us, distributed as follows :

Twenty-one have been removed and cared for by relatives.

One has been admitted to the Farm School.

Nine have been received into homes;—not adopted, but taken to be taught and educated as children of the family. Two of these will probably be legally adopted.

We have now six children under three years old, of whom two are infants of less than one year.

We consider our Home suitably filled when we have twenty-five children; but in great emergencies we have taken even thirty at one time.

We have had only one death,—that of a little boy whom we had always thought too delicate to live, and who at last yielded his life to a severe attack of measles. We had fifteen cases of that disease, of which only one was fatal.

Those children who have remained in the Home more than one year have parents still unable to support them, but too hopeful to be willing to give them up for adoption. We are glad, for the credit of human nature, that we find few mothers willing to give up their children, even when they bring nothing but disgrace and hard work for their support.

It is with great regret that we are obliged to relinquish the valuable services of Dr. Hildreth and Dr. Nichols, both of whom have given their time and skill to the Home for many years. They have our lasting gratitude. We are also grateful that we can retain some of our older physicians, and that others are ready to help us in our time of need.

Our matron, who came to us last year, we find faithful and efficient. The second matron wins her way into the hearts of the children, and our Home has never since its foundation been in better condition than at present.

"An Advisory Board," consisting of six gentlemen, has lately been added to our force; and from their experience and counsel the Trustees hope for much assistance.

We must, however, make a new appeal to the Cambridge public for aid in our work. At some times in the course of the past year we have been troubled to know how to meet the expenses of the next month. This was the case last summer, when we unexpectedly received a generous gift of five hundred dollars from a friend who will not allow us to give his name. The smaller gifts have cheered our hearts; and when we find that some women who gain their living by sewing give us two or three dollars each year, we wish that more of our richer neighbors would look into our Home and consider the needs of these "Children left destitute within the limits of Cambridge."

It is with sorrow no words can express that we record the death of our beloved President, Mrs. HENRY W. PAINE. At the meeting of the Trustees of the Home immediately succeeding her death, Dr. Peabody offered the following tribute of affection and respect to her memory:—

*Resolved*, In the death of Mrs. PAINE the Avon Street Home has lost a friend whose wise supervision, unceasing care, and generous aid in every time of special need have from the first been essential to its success and well-being.

*Resolved*, The Trustees lament the death of a President who has endeared herself to us all by her kindness, courtesy, and disinterested benevolence, and our whole community is bereaved of one who, foremost in every good work, has consecrated her whole life, with a singleness of purpose never surpassed, to the relief of want and suffering, and to the service of her Divine Master in those deeds of mercy hallowed by his example.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 27, 1887.

SARAH S. STORER.

Since writing the above Report, we have received with sincere sorrow the intelligence of the death of another highly valued Trustee of the Avon Place Home. Mrs. SAMUEL P. TEELE died last week, leaving a vacancy in our Board which we shall find hard to fill. She was a wise, earnest, faithful member of our body, and we add our sorrow to that of her many friends who have tested her worth and work in other charities.

Nov. 5, 1887.

S. S. S.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, commonly known as the AVON PLACE HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

*Permanent Fund of Avon Place Home.*

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund . . . . .	\$300.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler . . . . .	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg . . . . .	10,139.74
Holly Tree . . . . .	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund . . . . .	150.00
Donation of Mr. D. H. Richards . . . . .	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge . . . . .	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman . . . . .	5,000.00
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the following gifts have been received.*

Mr. McElroy, candy and flags.  
Bertie Bunton, fire-crackers.  
Wood Memorial Sunday School, turkey, vegetables, fruit, and clothing.  
Prospect Street Congregational Sunday School, pudding, cake, fruit, and clothing.  
Mrs. M. A. Stratton, pair of chickens and vegetables.  
Mr. Raymond, lamb.  
Mr. David Brewer, four turkeys, seven chickens.  
Mrs. B. Sands, mince pies.  
Mrs. J. M. Hill, pies.  
Miss Carrie Bill's class, a thank offering, \$1.00.  
Little boys, thirty cents.  
Ruby Marks, \$1.00.  
Pilgrim Church, vegetables, fruit, pies, cake, and clothing.  
Mrs. Mason, pies and nuts.  
Gretchen Weinschenk, corn and popper.  
Anonymous, two turkeys and two barrels of apples.  
Mr. McElroy, box of candy.  
Harvard Street Methodist Sunday School, turkeys and fruit, vegetables, cake, clothing.  
A Friend, two bushels of white and sweet potatoes.  
Pilgrim Church, groceries, vegetables, fruit, clothing.  
Mrs. E. B. Phillips, turkey and cranberries.  
Mrs. Storer, toy dishes for playroom.  
Mrs. J. E. Gale, toys.  
Old Cambridge Baptist Society, fruit, clothing, groceries.  
S. C. O. A. L., sled, toys, and confectionery.  
North Avenue Methodist Sunday School, groceries, vegetables, fruit.  
North Avenue Baptist Society, clothing, vegetables, fruit.  
St. Peter's Sunday School, clothing, vegetables, fruit.  
North Avenue Universalist Sunday School, clothing, vegetables, fruit.  
First Universalist Sunday School, clothing, vegetables, fruit.  
Austin Street Unitarian Sunday School, Christmas tree and supper.  
Mrs. J. Fisk, games.  
Mrs. E. J. Young, cakes.  
Miss Elsie Locke, toys and confectionery.  
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Mrs. Lewis, scrap book.

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Edith and Ernest Roberts, books and pictures.  
Willie and Bessie Piper, toys and books.  
Miss Parsons, jelly.  
Mrs. W. Mackay, fruit and confectionery.  
Miss Picket, bean-bags.  
Mrs. Bemis, two pictures.  
Mr. Frank Foxcroft, book-case and books.  
Boys' Aid Club, per Mrs. Vaughan, cakes.  
Mrs Choate, picture.

*Also from*

Sarah and Clara Folsom, doll's house.  
Shepard Sunday School, flowers.  
Miss Longfellow, two vols. "St. Nicholas."  
Sadie E. Hyde, books and games.  
Miss Cummings, croquet set.  
Mrs. Swan, croquet set.  
Mrs. Foxcroft, thirty slates and pencils.  
Misses E. and H. Storer, dolls.  
Mrs. H. M. Saville, sleds, blocks, and toys.  
Master Saville, game.  
Mrs. Harrington, books and croquet set.  
Miss Harrington, two years' "Wide Awake."  
Master Harrington, books.  
Mrs. Cook, stove and chairs.  
Anonymous, dolls, toys, and Noah's arks.  
Rev. D. W. Waldron, a day at Nantasket.  
Mr. Tufts, an afternoon ride.  
Mr. G. F. Barden, package of paper for children.  
J. Wilson & Son, printing postal notifications.  
Mrs. Wyman, children's books.  
Mrs. Hardy, boxes of blocks.  
Master Donnison Tower, rocking-horse and toys.  
North Avenue Congregational Society, bread, meat, and cake.  
Shepard Memorial Children's Society, one rug.  
Curtis Davis & Co., box of Welcome Soap.  
Master Ray Brush, candy.  
Mrs. Spelman, two carriage rugs.  
First Parish Church, basket of fruit.  
Mrs. T. Garritt, books and pictures.  
Valentine & Salls, kindling wood.

First Universalist Church, one quilt.  
Carl Weinschenk, games and papers.  
Mrs. G. Wright, confectionery.  
Mrs. W. Lawrence, Graphic.  
Mrs. J. S. Ladd, pickles and preserves.  
Mrs. W. H. Murdock, cut flowers.  
First and Second Classes, Dana School, scrap-books.  
Howard Payne Council, No. 72 of the Home Circle, provisions.  
Mrs. Yerxa, "Youth's Companion."  
Misses Lawrence and Scudder, Easter eggs.  
Mrs. D. Brewer, books, games, and toys.  
Miss J. Bright, books and papers.  
Mrs. Butterfield, pictures and toys.  
Mrs. Whittemore, games, books, and toys.  
Mr. Cary, dolls, vases, flower-stand, and plants.  
Mrs. Mackay, covering for two tables.  
Misses Ashburner, scrap-book.  
Miss J. W. Paine, twenty pairs of stockings.  
Mrs. A. L. Morse, books and papers.  
Miss Helen Williston, scrap-book.  
Mrs. Fish, rocking-horse and box of paints.  
Mrs. Tucker, two books.  
Miss H. Storer, doll's carriage.  
Miss A. Tinker, two books.  
Miss Mary Deane, Christmas cards and cradle quilt.  
Friend of the Home, hats, boots, and clothing.  
Friend of the children, basket of grapes.  
H. D. and W. S. Durgin, ice.  
W. H. West, ice.  
Mr. Bancroft, expressage.  
Oak Grove Farm Co., milk.  
Mrs. J. M. W. Hall, milk.  
Mr. G. C. W. Fuller, clothing.

# BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

### *Membership.*

THE number of Corporators of this Corporation shall be seventeen. Vacancies shall be caused by death, by resignation, and by the failing to attend for a period of twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation. When such failure occurs, the Corporation shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Corporators.

## ARTICLE II.

### *Common Seal.*

The Common Seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the year of its creation, and the words, "Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, 1874," inscribed, and shall be kept by the Clerk.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Officers.*

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen from the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and accept office. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers, and the President and Treasurer shall make a report at the Annual Meeting. The Corporators may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the convenient transaction of the business of the Corporation. At the

Annual Meeting the Corporators shall elect, to serve till the next Annual Meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons who shall not be members of the Corporation, but who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Corporators, and may, by vote of the Corporators, be requested to meet with any of their Committees or to assist in their work. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as often at least as once every six months.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Meetings of the Corporation.*

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Place Home, on the first Saturday in November, at such hour as the Corporators may decide. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place, and special meetings may be called by the President, or any two Corporators, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. A majority of all the Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting. Seven Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Amendments.*

Articles II., III., and IV. of these By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of all the Corporators at any annual meeting, or at any regular meeting, when a notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous regular meeting, or at any special meeting, by the unanimous vote of all the Corporators.

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At the Annual Meeting, May 28, 1881, Sumner Albee, Esq., and Mr. S. S. Sleeper were appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer with regard to the best method of keeping the accounts of the invested funds.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES OF THE AVON  
PLACE HOME, CAMBRIDGE.

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I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order : *First*, to orphans and foundlings ; *Second*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Trustees for the purpose of adoption or during their minority ; and *Third*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home ; and, if practicable, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Trustees, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during its minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only ; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is removed or given up as above stated ; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Trustees for adoption, unless it be removed within six months after the end of the time for which it is readmitted.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or, should they be out of the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician.

The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Trustees for approval at their next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday school, unless specially excused by vote of the Trustees.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on *Sundays* and *Thursdays only*, from 3 to 5 P.M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees.

The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.



